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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masashi MIMA et al.

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Examiner: Merrick L. Dixon

For: STRETCHABLE CONVEYOR BELT
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION OF
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Sir:

While this paper is not intended to be applicants' response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, in reviewing that action, applicants have noted that only claims 1-14 have been examined in this application.

The PTO is aware that the prior Office Action mailed July 1, 2003 stated a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I, claims 1-24, and Group II, claims 25 and 26. Applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement filed July 23, 2003

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provisionally elected, with traverse, "the claims of Group I (claims 1-14)...." That response also traversed the requirement expressly requesting that all claims 1-26 be examined.

It is thus clear that applicants intended to elect the entirety of Group I, and that the reference to "claims 1-14" was in fact a typographical error, intended to recite "claims 1-24."

In these circumstances, applicants hereby respectfully request the PTO to examine at least all claims 1-24, that is the entirety of Group I as defined by the Office Action of July 1, 2003. The Office Action of September 25, 2003 has thus far examined only claims 1-14. Thus, a further action examining claims 15-24, and resetting the time for response to all actions on all claims 1-24 are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the action hereby requested by applicants, the Examiner is asked to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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